1732. [Transferred to 11th May 1993)

Military Links between US and PAK

1733. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that US Government have requested for visit of Army's to Siachen;

(b) whether Government are aware of the continuous military links between US and Pakistan and of holding joining military exercises with the Pak Army Commando (SSG);

(c) whether it is also a fact that Pakistan has been consistantly using SSG as a spear head against India in its attempt to dislodge Indian forces at Siachen; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of the Government with regard to the US-Pak military ties in so far as India's bilateral relation with the Government of US is concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The US and Pakistan have a long-standing cooperation involving their armed forces. A US commando team and Pakistan's SSG personnel conducted a joint trainig exercise in the area of Attock during February 7- March 3, 1993.

(c) Pakistan has deployed in the past its SSG personnel in operations against Indian troops in the Siachen area.

(d) Goverment monitor all developments having a bearing on India's security including the ongoing military cooperation between the US and Pakistan which in the past had included transfer of major weapons systems to Pakistan.

Government have conveyed its concern to all concerned, includig the US, regarding Pakistan acquiring military capabilities beyond its legitimate defence requirements.

Holding back of fishing funds by SCICI

@1734. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Economic Times dated the 25th March, 1993 captioned "SCICI holding back fishing sector funds";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that the SCICI held discussions with Ministry of Food Processing Industires regarding the revival of deep-sea fishery sector in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, what are the details of this discussion; and

(e) whether officials of SCICI sought to dissuade the Ministry of Food processing Industries from making efforts to revive the sick fishery sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In general, the news item highlights an accusation by the deep-sea fishing industry that SCICI is not playing a positive role in reviving the sick deep sea fisheing industry and that the rehabilitation package earlier announced, is inadequate. The Government is seized of the problems of the deep sea fishing industry and has constituted a Technical Committee to look into the same and suggest remedial measures.

@Previously unstarred question 896, transferred from 4th May, 1993

(c) and (d) Discussions are held regularly between the officials of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries and officials of SCICI. These relate to implementation of the rehabilitation package, utilisation of funds placed with SCICI by the Government for the deep sea fishing sector, among other matters.

(e) No, Sir.

Foresations of zones for establishing Food Processing Industries

1735. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state

(a) whether any particular zones have been formed for establishing Food Processing Industries in the country with the help of N.R.Is/ Multinational companies;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the number of Fod Processing Industries in the country both under Public Sector/Private Sector, Statewise?

THE MINISTEROF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TRAUN GOGOI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Food Processing Industries are both in the organised and unorganised sector and information in regard to the number of Food Procesing Industires is not maintained centrally. However, information in regard to member of Rice-mills, Flour-mills, Fish Processing Units, Fruits and Vegetables Procesing Unit, Sweetened Aerated Water Units that are registered under Fruit Products Order is given in the statement attached.

Statement

Statewise Distribution of No. of units of some selected sector

Sl. No.	States/UTs	F & VP Units	Sweetened Areated Water	Rice Mills including Hullers	Roller Flour Mills	Fish Prod. Units
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Andhra Pradesh	175	72	21744	58	26
2	Assam	20	2	2608	40	..
3	Bihar	40	12	4872	58	..
4	Gujarat	165	55	3161	30	28
5	Haryana	164	26	1797	33	..
6	Himachal Pradesh	78	1	1115	13	..
7	Jammu & Kashmir	73	6	N.A.	18	..
8	Karnataka	178	47	14370	54	10
9	Kerala	291	30	16096	27	103
10	Madhya Pradesh	66	26	3674	20	..
11	Maharshtra	713	87	9277	54	41
12	Manipur	10	1	169	1	..
13	Meghalaya	6	1	93	2	.
14	Nagaland	4	0	N.A.	4	..